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1. BY REFTTEL, WHICH WAS SENT ON AUGUST 14, 1978, THE EMBASSY REQUESTED WAIVER OF IMMUNITY FOR THE SPOUSE OF FSO-6 SANDRA A. MENDYK TO PERMIT HIM TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT WITH NON-U.S. GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION. THE DELAY IN RESPONDING ON THE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT IS CAUSING UNDUE HARDSHIP ON THE MENDYK FAMILY AND COULD VERY WELL RESULT IN MR. MENDYK LOSING THIS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. AS DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS WILL REVEAL, IT ASSURED THE EMBASSY THAT PROMPT ATTENTION WOULD BE GIVEN TO ITS WAIVER OF IMMUNITY CASES TO AVOID JUST SUCH DIFFICULTIES NOW BEING EXPERIENCED BY THE MENDYKS. THE DEPARTMENT IS THEREFORE URGED TO REVIEW THE MENDYK CASE AND ADVISE THE EMBASSY BY RETURN CABLE.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, EMBASSY HAS NOW REACHED AGREEMENT WITH MFA ON THE ANNOTATION OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF IMMUNITY AND HAS RECEIVED THE FIRST SUCH CARD. THIS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT BREAK-THROUGH IN REGULARIZING LOCAL PROCEDURES AND IN FACILITATING THE EMPLOYERS OBTAINING WORK PERMITS. THIS ALSO MAKES PROMPT ACTION BY THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY IN GRANTING THE WAIVERS OF IMMUNITY EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, I.E., WE CAN NO
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LONGER BLAME THE GOI FOR DELAYS.

3. WITH REGARD TO AVOIDING DELAYS IN THESE CASES, THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN PROPOSE TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT WAIVERS OF IMMUNITY BE GIVEN TO THE AMBASSADOR RATHER THAN HAVING TO REFER EACH CASE TO THE DEPARTMENT. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE MANY MORE REQUESTS FOR

OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT IN THE COMING MONTHS AND THE SIMPLIER WE
CAN KEEP PROCEDURES THE BETTER. THE AMBASSADOR WOULD, OF
COURSE, EXERCISE ALL DUE CAUTION IN GRANTING WAIVERS OF
IMMUNITY AND WOULD EITHER REFUSE OR REFER ANY QUESTIONABLE
CASES TO THE DEPARTMENT.
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